(b) **Panchayats.**—I find from the budget of 1102 a full programme of theworks of the Panchayat Department issued as an Appendix thereto. In this connection, I beg to invite the attention of the Government to the speeches of the Member for the Jewish Constituency, myself, and the Diwan Peishkar during the last budget discussion. (Volume I, No. 6, Pages 407 to 412). During that discussion the separation of these two departments was strongly urged, and the Diwan Peishkar said that the clubbing was an experimental or a tentative measure, that the Government were prepared to look into the matter, that they would arrive at some satisfactory conclusion, etc. In view of the extensive and vast programme of Panchayat works distributed throughout the State, I am afraid, if the Superintendent would be able to satisfactorily attend to the duties of his dual appointment. The result will be that the interests of one or the other or probably both are bound ts suffer,and as such the necessary remedy must be devised ao urgently as possible.

(c). **Forest.**—Sir, according to the rule that obtains in the plains adjoining the forests now, in order to cut and remove firewood fromone's own private lands for his domestic purpose he has to get the so-called "B-Form permit", for which he has to undergo a lot of technicalities and be at the good will and mercy of the Forest guards, with the result that in an urgent case one is put to the greatest hardship. As, for instance, in Nemmara—containing so many Brahmin villages—I would say the difficulty in getting fuel even for cremation is greatly felt. The only alternative when the B-Form permit is not obtained in time to transport the firewood for cremation is to take the dead body to the place where the firewood is. (The Secretary to the Government and the Conservator of Forests and his chief assistants will bear testimony to this.) Sir, you can easily conjecture what the religious susceptibilities of the people would be, when they are forced to take the dead body away from the usual place of cremation. Under the Forest Regulation, the Government published certain draft Rules in the Gazette, dated 12th September 1925. Even then I brought to the notice of the Government the difficulties and troubles the people at Nemmara are put to. To alleviate their suffering, I suggested certain alterations to the draft published Rules, for favourable consideration of the Government. I may bring to the notice of the Government that nothing further is known about them till

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